

Woman's World

DUTY.

Duty is the path to God—
He who walks in it is great,
Though he humbly dig the sod,
Or live in princely state.

Off it leads up rugged heights,
Where not even the sky is seen;
Where the darkness soul affrights,
And the angry lightnings gleam.

Non it leads amid pleasures gay
Where wine and laughter, song and
dance,
Would the senses stay,
All the faculties entrance.

Wise is he who perseveres—
Whose footsteps onward steady wend,
Who spurning pleasure, scorning fears,
Knows God's duty end.

Turn aside from duty's path—
All that's good must noble dies;
For 'tis duty only hath
Source and End which sanctifies.

—Margaret Glody.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR HELPED SPANISH WOMEN

(Chicago Tribune.)

The effects of the Spanish-American war were many and far-reaching. Cuba was freed from the yoke under which it had suffered for more than a century. Porto Rico experienced a similar change, and the Philippines islands became a land for the United States soldiers to fight in instead of the Spanish hosts. But more wonderful and unexpected than any event or series of events after this war was the effect that the war had upon the women of Spain.

The freeing of the down-trodden Cubans was not the only work of mercy which the war accomplished. Its culmination in the defeats suffered by Spanish arms and the resulting loss of the colonies to Spain proved the greatest boon to the Spanish women.

It signified freedom from a life of hard labor. It awakened Spain to the need of new life. It brought about the reorganization and development of forsaken industries, and by bringing the men of the nation home from the colonial possessions in the western world to the labor of the country, allowed the women to leave the hard work and devote themselves exclusively to caring for the home.

Men Continually Occupied in War.

The constant wars and insurrections which were the results of Spain's colonial policy sapped the blood and finances of the country. It drew the flower and strength of the nation away from home and kindred to fight and die from wounds and fever in faraway foreign lands, where there was always war, and no rest and trouble, and from which there never came any return to justify the expenditure of lives and money. It drew the wealth of the nation from its places of security and sent it across the ocean to meet the obligations incurred in the colonies, and left the country poverty stricken in money and men.

Fathers, brothers and sons were dragged away, leaving mothers, wives and daughters alone and with no one to work for them or care for them while the men were away. There were practically no able-bodied men left in Spain among the working classes. Then the women, in order to maintain their lands in crops, and in order to support themselves, were forced to take up the men's work and do the heavy labor of the field. During the years just past the work of the men in the colonies and the labor in Spain was being done by the women. Wherever were to be found laborers, the women were found to be in the majority, the raising of the crops of the country depended almost exclusively upon their efforts.

Agriculture Dependent on Women.

They planted the wheat and cane fields in the spring, they followed the plow and made the land ready. In the fall they went into the cane and wheat fields with machete and sickle and reaped the fruits of their planting. They gathered oranges, dates, olives and pineapples from the orchards; they gathered the grapes from the vineyards and made the wine of the country, and put it into the great casks for exportation. All that had been the work of the men before now became the duty of the women. The work of the country was in her hands. She not only cared for the home and the children, but she did the hard work that enabled the homes to exist and the children to have plenty to eat.

And to the Spanish woman this was doubly a hardship, for never previously, even in the lower classes of peasants, had the women there done any of the labor allotted to the members of the family. The woman of Spain has not come to a more luxurious care-free existence than is the lot of women in many lands. So when, delicate and carefully shielded, from the hardships of the world as she was, circumstances decreed that she must work, the blow fell upon her with extreme harshness.

But for years she ably proved her right to be considered among the women of the world who could do things by being the "man of work" of a nation.

Defeat a Blessing to Spain.

Then came the war. The Spanish hopes in the west were dashed to pieces, the colonies were lost, and there was nothing to do but bring the rebellion battalions, and such part of them as the war and climate had spared, back home. Spain was stunned. The worn-out regiments began pouring back from the Philippines and Cuba, many of them sick and unable to do a day's work for months, but also many others who had been taking care of the regiments for whom they had left it and begin to once more cultivate the land. Then there was a time of reeling among the women of the nation, despite the condition in which the troops returned and the reverses which they had met with in the west. The men were back.

No longer was it necessary for the women to leave the children at home to care for themselves while she went out into the fields to wrest bread from the ground. Now she could devote herself to the duties that were hers by right, the care of the home, while the men went into the fields and did the labor necessary to the raising of the crops. It was a welcome change. Once more are the men in the places where the hard work is to be done and the women where the duties of women take them.

Where before the country for years had been a place of melancholy and sorrow, it became a place of merriment, the land and mind of the people doing resoundingly in every village and the joy of the land is everywhere visible. The Spaniard of today is firm in his assertions that the war and its consequent results were beneficial in the extreme to their land. The contact with American virility and methods of doing things awakes the easy-going Spaniard as nothing had awaked him before. He saw that if his nation was to hold its place among the nations of the earth it must be through modern methods and energy.

Nation Awakens to New Life.

Freed from the incubus of a score of islands, each one a continual drain on the resources of the country, the nation has taken a newer and better view of itself. It has discovered that it can

dropping bills and coins, one at a time, into the yawning mouth of her handbag. The woman had bought a ticket for Woodlawn and the southbound train was not due for seven minutes. Why should she wait? The train for the city was gone, and after the woman in the gangway had gone, and after the clerk in the station had gone after the ticket for the city, and after the man might have gone out on the platform to wait twenty minutes for another train this man still waited. He wanted another woman behind him to leave for the platform. When she, too, had gone so that the agent was unobstructed.

"Yes," said the agent, lifting a hand for silence. "If I had my way I'd have a feathered nest out there for them. Maybe it wouldn't keep 'em there any longer than they stay anyhow, but it might be easier on them."

"The woman I know, whenever I hear of a man getting a nightwad with his wife I think 'What a goddamned hunkard at large!' The woman with a purse is one of the most aggravating appendages to civilization. She has absolutely no regard for change. Take the purse of the average woman and it is either nine-tenths pennies and nickels and quarters—with three times as many pennies as of any other one coin—or else it is soggy with wadded bills."

"Three-fourths of the men who buy a ticket at the window have a dime in hand; not one woman in five has the exact amount of the purchase. The reason for this is that the man carries his money in his pocket; the woman carries it in a purse in her hand. The man feels the weight of silver in his pocket after it has passed the teller's desk; the woman doesn't care if it weighs eight ounces. The result is that as soon as the man has more than one copper in his pocket he begins to look for even change."

"Notice the next woman you see buying a paper. She may have seventeen coppers in her purse, but she will give the boy a nickel or a piece of silver to change into more pennies. She doesn't care if the purse is so overloaded with cent pieces she will begin to count them out in fives and pass to conductors and ticket agents."

"Yes," sighed the agent, "if she had been a man she would have let you pass to your train, anyhow."

The passenger's chin took on a fixed purposeful angle.

"If she had been a man," he said, "she would have had to let me pass."

Waists to be Smaller.

Fashion has decreed a new figure, and the straight front "must go." Waists must be smaller, hips larger and busts higher. Gowns are to cost more—more material will be required. Sleeves are to be disturbed by means of "bird cages" in the upper part, the

lower half to be close fitting. Plain skirts must go. Pantaloons are in style again.

Walking skirts are to be shorter than ever, three or four inches from the floor; but skirts for reception gowns or dressy frocks of any kind are to be worn long all the way round. Note the phrase "all the way round." No trains are anywhere in sight. Styles of 1850 are good.

These are the edicts sent forth by those who set the styles and demonstrated by the two rival conventions now being held in Chicago, one in the Fine Arts building and the other in the Auditorium.

Recipe Rarities.

Egg Cutlets.—Prepare a thick white sauce of one-tablespoon butter, two-heaping tablespoons flour, one-half teaspoon salt; one-quarter teaspoon of pepper, dash of cayenne, ten drops of onion juice, and one-half pint milk. Cook together five minutes; add three eggs, hard boiled and coarsely chopped, and one tablespoon finely chopped parsley, and set aside till cold. Make this into small cutlets; dip each into slightly beaten egg, roll in fine bread crumbs and fry in smoking hot fat.

Corned Beef.—Take all the gristle off the meat, fat, but save a portion of the tender fat; allow equal parts of the meat and cold boiled potatoes and chop both fine, then mix and season highly with salt and pepper. Melt a little fat in the pan and when smoking hot turn in the hash. Pour over it a spoonful at a time just enough of the pos liquid to moisten thoroughly; if no fat meat is used spread over the top a small spoonful of butter or sweet drippings. Cover and keep when it is slowly crost and brown on the under side, then turn out on a heated platter.

Dumplings.—Frivolous are more economical than roasted chickens. For the dumplings mix together one pint flour, half a teaspoon salt, one-heaping teaspoon baking powder. Stir in sufficient sweet milk to mix a soft dough, roll out, and cut into biscuits. Drop these into the boiling gravy, cover closely, and cook without raising the lid for fifteen minutes if small, twenty for twenty-five minutes. When slightly cooled it is cut into halves, the center section from each is removed, filled and mixed with an equal quantity of fine stale bread crumbs or crums and chopped meat. To this add a high seasoning of salt-pepper, onion juice, and chopped parsley. Two beaten eggs are stirred in, the mixture is heaped in the halved shells, and returned to the

pan for service.

Fried Egg Plant.—Slice the vegetable thin and dip either into flour or beaten egg, followed by crumbs and either fry or saute. Another delicious way of preparing egg plant is to drop the unpared vegetable into a kettle of boiling, salted water and cook rapidly for twenty minutes. When slightly cooled it is cut into halves, the center section from each is removed, filled and mixed with an equal quantity of fine stale bread crumbs or crums and chopped meat. To this add a high seasoning of salt-pepper, onion juice, and chopped parsley. Two beaten eggs are stirred in, the mixture is heaped in the halved shells, and returned to the

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